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Hon. Andrew L. Carter, Jr.  
Judge of the United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: Donoghue v. Patriot National, Inc. and Steven M. Mariano  
16 Civil 7905 (ALC) // Initial Pre-Trial Conference**

Your Honor:

I am one of plaintiff's counsel and I write with the knowledge and concurrence of all defense counsel.

The Initial Pre-Trial Conference in this matter is scheduled before Your Honor for Friday, 04/21/17 at 10:30 A.M. All counsel seek a three week continuance.

During the course of our Rule 16(b) and Rule 24(f) Conference substantial progress was made to settle the case. Client consultations are now under way and we hope to have a resolution shortly. The Initial Pre-Trial Conference may prove unnecessary and going ahead with it on Friday would be a distraction from settlement efforts.

This is a first request.

Very truly yours,

David Lopez

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Cc: All counsel via ECF